

SUMMARY

“The Issue of an Offender’s Personality in Criminology”

The main purpose of this thesis was to enlighten the offender’s personality in terms of the causes of criminal behavior. The opening chapter clarifies the basic terminology used in the thesis. These are specifically criminology, criminality and delinquency and the term offender – there is explanation of the difference between criminological point of view and the viewpoint of criminal law.

Criminology deals with the personality of offender and with searching of characteristics typical for the offenders already over one century, therefore the next chapter focuses on criminological schools and significant criminological theories. However, the efforts to create complex typology which could identify the offender and distinguish him from the rest of the population were abandoned.

Third chapter describes current approaches to offender’s personality, its psychological research and there is also mentioned motivation of offenders for committing crimes.

Main topic of the second half of this thesis is personality of offender of violent crimes with the specific focus on personality of offenders of domestic violence crimes. Unfortunately, there are no specific signs of these offenders and offender of violent crimes including domestic violence can be practically anybody. Therefore this thesis focuses mainly on those factors, which can indicate higher risks of domestic violence.

Even if there are these potentially risky factors, domestic violence doesn’t have to occur, but knowing these factors can help to fight this phenomenon through effective and focused prevention. Therefore one of the topics of this thesis is beside personality of offender also prevention of violent criminal acts and domestic violence.